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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended): ~~Method~~ A method of realizing an optical function on a component of a motor vehicle indicating or lighting device, comprising: ~~a step of~~ forming said component in a predetermined material[~~(,)~~]; ~~and wherein said method comprises a step of~~ exposing at least one surface of said component to laser radiation.

Claim 2. (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1, which comprises a step of metallizing said component.

Claim 3. (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined material is a plastics material and said step of exposure to laser radiation ~~is a step of~~ comprises embossing said surface of plastics material.

Claim 4. (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 3, wherein said embossing step is followed by a step of metallizing said ~~part~~ component.

Claim 5. (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~a step of~~ complete metallization of said component prior to said step of exposure to laser radiation, and wherein said exposure step ~~being a step of~~ comprises selective ablation by laser radiation of the metal of said surface of said metallized component.

Claim 6. (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein the laser radiation is produced by ~~means of~~ a laser selected from the group consisting of: a YAG laser, a CO₂ laser or an excimer laser.

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Claim 7. (currently amended): ~~Component~~ A component of a motor vehicle indicating or lighting device, obtained by the method according to claim 1, said component being made of a predetermined material and comprising at least one surface obtained after exposure to laser radiation.

Claim 8. (currently amended): ~~Component~~ The component of a motor vehicle indicating or lighting device, obtained by the method according to claim 5, said component being made of a plastics material and comprising a metallized surface and a non-metallized surface obtained after selective ablation of the metal by laser radiation.

Claim 9. (currently amended): ~~Component~~ The component according to claim 8, wherein said plastics material is transparent and amber in ~~couleur~~ color.

Claim 10. (currently amended): ~~Component~~ The component according to claim 8, wherein said plastics material is transparent and ~~couleurless~~ colorless.

Claim 11. (currently amended): ~~Component~~ The component of a motor vehicle lighting device, obtained by the method according to claim 2, said component being made of metallized plastics material and comprising a surface that does reflect light and a surface that does not reflect light.

Claim 12. (currently amended): ~~Component~~ The component according to claim 11, comprising a plurality of surfaces that do not reflect light and a plurality of surfaces that do reflect light.

Claim 13. (currently amended): ~~Component~~ The component according to claim 8, wherein said plastics material is a thermoplastics material.

Claim 14. (currently amended): ~~Component~~ The component according to claim 8, wherein said plastics material is a thermosetting material.

Claim 15. (currently amended): ~~Component~~ The component according to claim 7, wherein said predetermined material is a metal.

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Claim 16. (currently amended): ~~Component~~ The component according to claim 15,
wherein said metal is ~~aluminium~~ aluminum.

Claim 17 (new): A method comprising:
providing a component of a motor vehicle indicating or lighting device; and
exposing at least one surface of said component to laser radiation to realize an optical
function on said component.

Claim 18 (new): The method according to claim 17, wherein surface of said
component are textured by exposure to laser radiation.

Claim 19 (new): The method according to claim 17, further comprising, prior to
exposure to laser radiation, metallizing said component.

Claim 20 (new): The method according to claim 19, wherein said exposure step
comprises selective ablation by laser radiation of the metal of said surface of said metallized
component to expose said surface of said component.